

Voices & Visions



A Newsletter of the Northford-North Branford Women's Club GFWC
October, 2025

General Assembly meeting, October 21st, 7:00pm

STW Community Center

Presidents' Report

Courtney Cleary & Nicki McNeill

Happy Fall and Halloween month! The weather is finally starting to feel like fall. We have a busy October. Thank you to everyone who already donated candy for the upcoming Trunk or Treat on 10/18 at STW. If you still want to donate, let Courtney know. Our upcoming General Assembly meeting on Tuesday, October 21 is a craft night. Please bring a glass platter, vase, bowl or something else that you want to decoupage. All other supplies will be provided. Bringing items to decorate with is optional. Then Friday, October 24th is our Fall Whist. We will have the signup sheet for your review at the meeting. Looking forward to seeing everyone and spending time crafting together!

Saturday, 10/18/25 2-3:30pm: Trunk or Treat at Stanley T. Williams Community Center

Tuesday, 10/21/25, 7pm: General Assembly Meeting at Stanley T. Williams Community Center

Friday, 10/24/25, 6:30pm: Fall Military Whist at Totoket Valley Elementary School

Tuesday, 11/04/25 6:30pm: Board Meeting at Edward Smith Library

Tuesday, 11/18/25: Dutch Auction

Vice-President/Membership

Leslie Ciarleglio

Please welcome new member Kathy Iaquinto. She and Sue Calamita will be installed soon.

If you have any prospective members that you want to reach out to, please forward their name to me.

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR CLUB PINS
TO THE MEETING!!!**

Treasurer's Report

Elissa Orio

Checking: \$6,730.61

Savings: \$2,744.36

The proceeds from the Lake Gaillard Walk were \$1605. We will be sending a check to the Regional Water Authority for \$800. Our profit is \$805

Corresponding Secretary

Liz Boissard

A card was sent to Mark Pierson on the death of his mother, Florence Pierson. She was a longtime former member.

Programs

Lynne Nielsen

The October meeting program will be a craft night (Modge Podge paper napkin platters). Please bring a glass dish/platter if you would like to participate.

Social Media/Publicity

Lisa King

An article about the Whist has been sent to the papers

Website

Patty Meglio

I updated the website with information on the Walk at Lake Gaillard, the Golf Tournament, Programs, Publications, and Trees of Hope.

Hospitality

Barbara LaFrance & Cathy Cook

The hostess for October's meeting is Liz Boissard. The co-hostesses are Mary Ellen Collett & Elissa Orio. The theme is cider and doughnuts.

Newsletter & Publications

Mary Ellen Collett

Please email reports for the newsletter to me by the Friday after the board meeting. Send them to my email address: me.collett@snet.net.

Education/Scholarship

Rose Lynch

We are in the process of updating the article to be submitted to the papers and placed on our website.

Garden

Mary Connolly

No report.

Parliamentarian

Kim Wollman

No report.

Trees of Hope

Patty Meglio

We had our first Trees of Hope meeting on Thursday, September 25. Several ideas were considered for a theme. One idea that everyone seemed to like was Nostalgia. We talked about picking the 1950s as an era we would refer to. We can make ornaments that show the price of things like milk, eggs and gas from that time. We'll look for old fashioned lights as well. If anyone has ornaments that they would like to donate that are from this era, we would love to have them.

The next meeting will be a shopping trip to Hobby Lobby and dollar stores to begin purchasing items.





Trunk or Treat

**Saturday, October 18th,
2:00pm-3:30pm**

Chelsea Spencer will be organizing a car for the Trunk or Treat. If you would like to donate candy that the club can hand out, please get it to Courtney before the 18th. If you would like to help, please let her know.



Military Whist Card Party

Friday, October 24th

Totoket Valley Elementary School
Doors open at 5:45pm. Games start at 6:30pm
\$12 per person

A signup sheet to volunteer will be passed around at the general assembly meeting.

Collections:

North Branford Food Pantry: The food pantry is in need of cereal, canned goods, cake mixes and icing. If you would like to donate, it would be much appreciated. Please give items to Lynne Nielsen. The food pantry thanked us for all of the cake mixes and frosting donations from our last meeting.

Calendars for the Veterans: Carol Bellucci is still collecting 2026 calendars to bring to the veterans. If you receive any calendars that you will not use, please pass them along to her. You can bring them to the meeting.

Can Flip Tops: We are collecting flip tops that will be given to Ronald McDonald house. Please bring them along to the meeting and pass them on to Lynne Nielsen.

Upcoming Programs:

November Dutch Auction: This will be our November program. It is a combination fun night/fundraiser. We will have appetizers and desserts. Members are asked to bring something that can be auctioned off. Use your imagination and your talent to come up with an idea. If there is something that you are good at (i.e. painting, quilting, sewing, baking, etc.) that you think someone would buy for a holiday gift, bring it along. It could even be a gift basket of some sort. A flyer with ideas will be passed around at the meeting. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS TO BRING FRIENDS!